## Chief's Update January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012



Dear Tempe Police Employees,

Last Monday, the Chief and I had the distinct honor of visiting one of our recently retired volunteers, Doris Cornett. We visited Doris at her home and while we were there, we presented Doris with a plaque to recognize her for her outstanding contributions to the Tempe Police Department. When Doris retired, she stated that she did not want to have any kind of ceremony, but the Chief and I decided that we were not going to let her of the hook that easily.

For those of you who may not know Doris, she served as a Tempe Police Department Volunteer for over 22 years! She began volunteering in August of 1989, after retiring as a school principal. She began her new career as a VIP by creating our Victim's Assistance Program which later became Care 7. She also spent many years volunteering in our Traffic Bureau where she staffed our photo radar desk, she helped with our bicycle safety program, helped manage intelligence information while working in the Special Investigations Bureau, conducted a review of the VIP Program, provided tours, assisted with oral boards, served as a member of the Assistance in Disaster Program, wrote the VIP Newsletter, and helped with many more special projects and assignments. In her 22 plus years of service, Doris gave our department and our community over 11, 500 hours!

Although Doris' contributions are truly amazing, my fondest memories of working with Doris will be my first years as a new patrol officer. I have a very vivid memory of responding to a domestic violence call where the victim had been badly beaten by her husband. It was late at night and the victim was terrified that her husband would return later that evening. With one simple phone call from a Dispatcher, Doris arrived within minutes, took the victim by the hand and helped make arrangements for her to stay elsewhere until other arrangements could be made. This was the first of many calls where Doris came to the rescue, always with a smile and always willing to help.

It has truly been an honor knowing Doris and her contributions to the Tempe Police Department and to the City of Tempe are nothing short of amazing! Thank you Doris and best of luck in your second retirement.

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